

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 206, 2/10/2015; HB 256, 2/11/2015; SB 263, 2/11/2015; SB 9,
2/10/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Webb

HEARING ON SB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:05 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 263, Require DPHHS to provide educational materials to medicaid enrollees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:44 Sandra Jankowski, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana

00:04:39 Bill Gallea, M.D., vice president, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:13 Jamie Palagi, division administrator, Human and Community Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:02 Sen. Caferro

00:07:10 Caferro left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:34 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 9, Allow sharing of certain health care information with law enforcement.

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:27 Bill Gallea, M.D., vice president, Montana Medical Association

00:10:02 Mark Long, executive director, Montana Narcotics Officers Association

00:12:03 Stuart Doggett, executive director, Montana Pharmacy Association

00:12:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Rimrock Foundation

00:13:19 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Vice Chair Howard.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:34 Francis Clinch, chief legal council, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:20:52 Vice Chair Howard turned the chair back to Chairman Thomas.

00:21:55 Chairman Thomas

Informational Testimony:

00:21:55 Marcie Bough, executive director, Montana Board of Pharmacy

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:52 Sen. Sands

00:23:34 Sen. Webb

00:24:01 Sen. Sands

00:24:08 Sen. Webb

00:24:32 Sen. Sands

00:24:47 Chairman Thomas

00:24:58 Alexis Sandru, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:25:19 Sen. Webb

00:25:30 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association

00:26:11 Sen. Howard

00:26:38 Sen. Webb

00:26:42 Sen. Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:53 Sen. Webb

00:30:00 Chairman Thomas

HEARING ON HB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:17 Rep. Matthew Monforton (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:49 Joe Balyeat, state director, Americans for Prosperity

00:36:28 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:56 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association

00:48:31 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

00:50:10 Tara Jensen, co-director, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

00:51:09 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

00:52:12 Katie Bark, representing herself

00:52:58 Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

00:46:36 Lain Kay, representing herself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:51 Sen. Sands
00:49:40 Ms. Jensen, MBPC
00:49:55 Sen. Sands
00:50:06 Ms. Jensen
00:50:15 Sen. Sands
00:50:21 Rep. Monforton
00:50:57 Sen. Sands
00:51:09 Rep. Monforton
00:52:06 Sen. Sands
00:52:32 Chairman Thomas
00:53:04 Sen. Windy Boy
00:54:03 Rep. Monforton
00:55:25 Sen. Windy Boy
00:55:32 Rep. Monforton
00:55:40 Sen. Howard
00:55:58 Rep. Monforton
00:56:24 Sen. Howard
00:56:42 Rep. Monforton
00:57:01 Sen. Howard
00:57:03 Rep. Monforton
00:57:09 Sen. Howard
00:57:20 Rep. Monforton
00:57:34 Chairman Thomas
00:58:38 Rep. Monforton
00:59:11 Chairman Thomas
01:00:01 Rep. Monforton
01:00:47 Chairman Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:53 Rep. Monforton
01:12:13 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Vice Chair Howard.

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:18 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 206, Establish limits on the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:42 Aart Dolman, legislative advocate, Great Falls-YWCA

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a04\)](#)

01:35:10 Richard Opper, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services

01:36:39 Jamie Palagi, division administrator, Human and Community Services,
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:40:36 Gayle Gifford, CEO, Montana Food Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a05\)](#)

01:44:30 Minkie Medora, registered dietitian, Food Security Council and Montana Food
Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a06\)](#)

01:48:56 Becky Warren, registered dietitian, representing herself

01:52:46 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

01:53:23 Joy Bruck, state president, AARP-Montana

01:54:58 Dave Abbott, executive director, Great Falls Community Food Bank

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a07\)](#)

01:55:52 Anne Waickman, director, Helena Food Share

01:57:13 Katie Bark, president, The Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a08\)](#)

01:59:40 Terry Minow, political director, Montana Education Association - Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:59:56 Maria Clemons, executive director, Northwest Community Health Center, Lincoln
County

02:00:54 Tara Jensen, co-director, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

02:01:25 Carl Garcia, representing himself

02:02:01 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:38 Sen. Thomas

Committee Business:

02:07:59 Vice Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:21 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs35aad.pdf](#))